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Re: Patent Application  
Serial No. 10/611,303  
Filing Date: Oct. 20, 2003  
Applicant: D. Anderson

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Request for Action on  
Petition to Make Special

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Alexandria, Virginia

The above designated application was initially filed July 2, 2003. Through a clerical error sheet 5 of the drawings was omitted from that application. Upon receiving notice of the omission, the omitted drawing, a petition for filing date, petition fee, and supplemental oath were mailed October 14, 2003 and received in the Patent Office October 20, 2003. An updated filing receipt was mailed December 20, 2003. Finally the Petition for filing date was granted February 3, 2004, and the application returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination.

A Petition to Make Special (expedited prosecution) accompanied the original filing. No action has been taken on this petition.

A telephone inquiry to the OIPE yielded only the answer that the application was "awaiting its turn for processing". A request to speak to a supervisor was transferred to the voice mail of a Valerie (unintelligible). A message was left, but has not been returned.

Applicant in this case is a man of advanced years. It is respectfully submitted that he is being unduly penalized for a simple clerical error, the correction of which was wholly routine. It is requested that the Petition to Make Special herein be promptly and favorably acted upon in order that applicant can enjoy the fruits of his invention within his lifetime.

Respectively submitted,

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